

**FRI 9/1 10am**  
*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Junior Rangers Kids** age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at the campground entrance station. 1hr0 CSP

**FRI 9/1 7pm**  
*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Wild in California** The Nature of Wildworks presents live wild birds, mammals and reptiles with this up close encounter with local wildlife. 1hr NOWW

**SAT 9/2 9am**  
*Zuma/Trancas Canyon*  
**Backbone and Zuma Ridge Trails** Join us on a 10-mile, 1400' gain hike to Zuma Beach. Return on the ParkLink Shuttle at 3pm. Bring water, lunch, and bus fare. Meet at the Newton Canyon Trailhead. Info: 310-391-5004. 6hrs SC

**SAT 9/2 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Bicycle and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: [www.corbambtb.com](http://www.corbambtb.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 9/2 10am**  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**WODOC & the Movies** See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

*Niki and Alex* by David Sonnenschein, *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest 2005 Winner—3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie), People in Parklands.



*Spirit of the Mountains*  
 PHOTO CONTEST  
 2006

Submit your entries for the *Spirit of the Mountains* PHOTO CONTEST from September 1 - 30, 2006

Info: call National Park Service at 805-370-2301 or visit [www.nps.gov/samol](http://www.nps.gov/samol)

## California State Parks

### September Schedule of Events



#### Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

*Sundays, 10am*

**Adventure with a Ranger** Join a ranger to explore the many wonders of this park. Meet at the entrance station.

*Saturdays, 8pm\**

#### **State Park Ranger or Special Guest Campfire Program**

Join a ranger, Chumash storyteller, astronomer or wildlife rescue group for a fascinating one-hour program. (\*Wildlife shows start at 7:30pm).

#### Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

*Saturdays, 10am*

**Adventure with a Ranger** Join a ranger on an exploration of Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station.

#### **SAT 9/2 2pm**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Expressions of Nature** Stroll around a lake and be inspired by rolling hills, grassy meadows, and a wild duck pond. Create nature-inspired works of art at the nature center. Basic art supplies provided or you may bring your own. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

#### **SAT 9/2 5:30pm**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**First Saturday at Cold Creek Valley Preserve** Delight in late afternoon lights, colors and shadows in a gently rolling basin set among craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

#### **SAT 9/2 6pm**

*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Silent Night Hike** Enjoy the silent symphony of nightlife on a moderate to strenuous walk with individuals that wish to expand their wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

#### **SUN 9/3 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

#### **SUN 9/3 9:30am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**September Explorations** Enjoy a docent-led walk through chaparral, grassland and shady oak woodlands. Learn how the Chumash and Tongva utilized native plants. 2hrs TCD

#### **SUN 9/3 10am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Satwiwa Workshop** Express yourself through drawing or painting with Sam Banagas (for ages 12 and up). *Reservations required* 805-375-1930. 2hrs NPS

#### **SUN 9/3 10am**

*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Nature Rambles** Take a rambling walk through nature observing and discussing plants, insects, and birds and their interactions. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

## Satwiwa Photography Exhibit September 2 thru October 29

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*

View the photographs of **James Johnson**.

Exhibit featuring photographs of Native American sports hero Jim Thorpe.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SUN 9/3 10:30am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Franklin Five-Oh** Join the Franklin Five-Oh group (age 50+) for our monthly series of hikes, talks, and picnic lunches. Bring snack/brown bag lunch. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SUN 9/3 1pm**

**Satwiwa Workshop** Express yourself through drawing or painting with Sam Banagas (for ages 12 and up). *Reservations required* 805-375-1930. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 9/3 5:30pm**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Moonrise/Sunset Walks**  
**Topanga Skyline Ridge Trail** High above Cold Creek and Topanga this trail commands views of distant mountains. Rock formations speak of the land's history. Meet at Top of Stunt with supper, a "goodie" to share, and water. 3hrs MRT

**TUE 9/5 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers/Pier-to-Pier Beach Walk** Join us for an 8-mile return walk to Marina del Rey; return via canals. Meet at parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier (free parking with Santa Monica Senior Pass). Bring water, hat, sunscreen and money for brunch. Info: 310-398-6350. 4hrs SC

**TUE 9/5 11am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Summer Botanical Drawing Workshop** Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning more about our native flora. Group size is limited. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

**WED 9/6 9a-1p**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Watercolor Landscape Painting** All outdoor artists, all levels and medias are welcome to join. Bring your own non-toxic materials. TOPAW

**WED 9/6 8pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Moonlit Path Hike** Join a naturalist on a one-mile hike. Experience the nocturnal world by the light of the silvery full moon. Bring water and a jacket; flashlight optional. Meet in the front parking lot. \$5 *parking fee*. Info: 310-454-1395 x106. 2hrs MRCA

**THUR 9/7 6pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy a hike under the full moon. Bring a flashlight. No dogs please. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 *parking fee*. 2hrs CMPRD



## Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon Museum,  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

Thru November from 8pm to 9:30pm, tour the Adamson House under a full moon.

*FEE. For Dates & Reservations:*  
**310-456-8432**

**THUR 9/7 6:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Full Moon Hike** Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife, and enjoy a spectacular view of the stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Fun for all ages. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SAT 9/9 9am**

*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Everyday is Earthday** Why is it important to know how long it takes for a banana peel to biodegrade? Learn simple ways to be Earth-friendly everyday by remembering the 3 R's of nature, (Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse), on a moderately paced hike. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SAT 9/9 9am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Second Saturday** Flowers still bloom along this 2-mile trail that passes by artifacts of early settlers, meanders through chaparral-formed tunnels and crosses streams and rivulets. Meet at the preserve's lower gate with water and snack. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 9/9 9:30am**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Reptiles & Amphibians** Children 8-12 years old will learn what makes a reptile a reptile and an amphibian an amphibian. Session includes a hike seeing plenty of these creatures, a related craft, and a wonderful guest speaker. *FEE. Pre-registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT



Photo by Jim Belsley

2006

## Great Backbone Trail Celebration

September 9  11am at Peter Strauss Ranch

Get the latest Backbone Trail info from National Park Service, Sierra Club, Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council and others. This informal information exchange is for past and future BBT hikers. Bring your lunch for a picnic afterwards at the site. Meet by the ranch house. 1.5 hours NPS

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**SAT 9/9 6pm**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Birds of Franklin Canyon** Birds are very active as the sun goes down. Learn about the lives of birds on a casual sunset stroll around a lake. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SUN 9/10 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Habitat Restoration Day** An ongoing weed war reduces invasive non-native species that destroy habitat and prevent the natural return of California bunch grasses and wildflowers. Credit for community service hours. *Reservations required* 818-348-5910. 4hrs CSP/CNPS

**SUN 9/10 9am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Aerobic Trek** Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike, while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SUN 9/10 9:30am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**September Explorations** Enjoy a docent-led walk through chaparral, grassland and shady oak woodlands. Learn how the Chumash and Tongva utilized native plants. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 9/10 10am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Hike with Mike** Explore plants and animals while walking around a lake and wild duck pond. Experience why it's important to have nature in your life on a regular basis. Optional fun frisbee toss at the end of the hike. All ages welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SUN 9/10 3pm**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon** Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

### Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am (1 hour)**  
For groups of 10 or more.  
*Reservation required:*  
310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am (1 hour)**  
For individuals and small groups

*Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am*

FREE

## Sunday Concerts In The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

**September 10, 3pm - 5pm**

Join us for an afternoon with the Old-time String band *The Stairwell Sisters*.

Topanga Banjo Fiddle  
Contest in cooperation  
with the National Park  
Service

**I N F O : 818-382-4819**  
[www.topangabanjofiddle.org](http://www.topangabanjofiddle.org)  
(see *Free Concerts*)

**TUE 9/12 9am**

*Charmlee Park*

**Moderate Hikers** Enjoy an easy 4-mile walk on bluffs above Malibu with scenic ocean views. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-838-5944. 3hrs SC

**TUE 9/12 10am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Babes in the Woods** A touch, feel, and smell walk for babes up to age 3 and their parents. 1hr WODOC/MRCA

**TUE 9/12 11am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Summer Botanical Drawing Workshop** Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning more about our native flora. Group size is limited. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

**TUE 9/12 7pm**

*Headwaters Corner*

**San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch** See the Gourd Garden and meet gourd artists. Learn the many ways gourds are used in art. Info: 818-996-3606 or [gourds@mac.com](mailto:gourds@mac.com). 2hrs SFVGP

**THUR 9/14 7pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*

**Weekly Campfire Program** Celebrate the campfire tradition with stories, songs, and marshmallows. Bring a blanket and a jacket. \$5 *parking fee*. Info: 310-454-1395 x106. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 9/16 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Trail Rehab Work** Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/16 9am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*

**Coastal Cleanup Day and Creek-side Habitat Restoration** Work in a natural garden setting to restore native plants and California bunch grasses. Credit for community service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 9/16 9am**

*Headwaters Corner*

**Coastal Cleanup Day and Native Plant Restoration** Restore habitat along Dry Canyon Creek; do native plantings, non-native plant removal, site restoration; credit for community service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x205. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 9/16 9:30am**



*Paramount Ranch*

**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

## 32nd Annual Docent Training

Topanga State Park  
**September 16** Saturday, 9:30am

Become a docent. Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others.

This is the first of six sessions\* to be held on alternate Saturdays covering plants, mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, Native Americans and more. *FEE*. 6 hours each class. TCD \*Second session on Saturday, September 30.

*Reservations required* 818-758-1964



**SAT 9/16 10am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Plant Adventures** Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow-paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SAT 9/16 6pm**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr -Amphitheater**  
**Franklin Family Campfire** Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SUN 9/17 8am**

**Malibu Creek State Park**  
**Bird Walk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 3.5hrs SFVAS



**SUN 9/17 9:30am**

**Topanga State Park**  
**September Explorations** A docent-led walk through chaparral, grassland and oak woodlands. Learn how the Chumash and Tongva utilized native plants. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 9/17 9:30am**

**Cold Creek Preserve**  
**This is Los Angeles???** Meander along a stream-fed canyon filled with majestic oaks and sycamores in Cold Creek Canyon Preserve while listening to nature's many voices. Meet at the preserve's lower gate. 2hrs CCD

**SUN 9/17 10am to 12pm**

**Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa**  
**Satwiwa Workshop** Hear the contemporary flute music of Patrick Mirabal. NPS

**SUN 9/17 11am**

**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr**  
**Nature Journaling** Slow down, observe, record, reflect, and discover a new way of looking at the natural world through nature journaling. Bring drawing/writing materials and (optional) a small folding stool or chair. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



**Temescal Gateway Park**

## CHAUTAUQUA SERIES

### BUTTERFLIES OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

*presented by Margaret Huffman,*  
program chair and past-president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association

**September 19, 2006 Tuesday, 7:30pm**

Learn what butterflies can be seen in the Santa Monica Mountains plus where and when it is easiest to see particular species. The program and parking are free. 1.5 hours MRCA

**Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or [www.LAMountains.com](http://www.LAMountains.com)**



**SUN 9/17 1pm to 3pm**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Satwiwa Workshop** Hear the contemporary flute music of Patrick Mirabal. NPS

**TUE 9/19 9am**  
*Will Rogers State Historic Park*  
**Moderate Hikers/Temescal Canyon Waterfall** Join us on a 7-mile, 1500' gain hike to Temescal Gateway Park and Temescal Canyon waterfall. Shorter 4-6 mile hike optional. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

**TUE 9/19 11am**  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Summer Botanical Drawing Workshop** Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning more about our native flora. Group size is limited. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

**WED 9/20 9a-1p**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Watercolor Landscape Painting** All outdoor artists, all levels and medias are welcome to join. Bring your own non-toxic materials. TOPAW

**FRI 9/22 6pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Bug Night** Search for insects and other creatures on this naturalist-led walk. Bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**FRI 9/22 8pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Trail to the Stars** Take a deeper look into astronomy. We will have a telescope for a close-up investigation of the night sky. Moderate hike discussing facts and myths about outer space. Bring water, a jacket, and a flashlight. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106. 2hrs MRCA

**SAT 9/23 8am**  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon** Catch the Early Bird Special! Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs. Meet in the parking lot. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SAT 9/23 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/23 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Habitat Restoration Day** Wildflowers, native plants and grasses help young oaks grow to provide food and shelter for wildlife when non-native plants are removed. Credit for community service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x202. 3hrs CNPS/MRT

**SAT 9/23 5:30pm**  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Autumn Equinox Hike** Celebrate the season with a moderate hike in Franklin Canyon. Discuss the seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SAT 9/23 6pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Marshmallow Hike** All ages are welcome on this early evening hike followed by marshmallows. Bring your own marshmallows and skewers. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 9/24 9:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**September Explorations** A docent-led walk through chaparral, grassland and oak woodlands. Learn how the Chumash and Tongva utilized native plants. 2hrs TCD



## RANGER'S FAVORITES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Join a Ranger at a favorite park site. Rangers or volunteers will choose a different site to explore and a topic to discuss each month.

For our surprise location and time, visit:  
[www.nps.gov/samo](http://www.nps.gov/samo) or call 805-370-2301

**SUN 9/24 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*

**Bluffs Ramble to the Sea**

On this 2-mile walk, enjoy great views, dip your toes into the bay, and look for dolphins, sea lions and wildflowers. 2hrs CNPS

**TUE 9/26 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*

**Moderate Hikers** Spectacular ocean views await the hiker on this 7-mile, 1800' gain hike to Mesa Peak. Shorter 4-6 mile hike option. Bring water and lunch. Meet at fee parking lot south of Piuma Rd. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

**TUE 9/26 11am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Summer Botanical Drawing Workshop**

Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning more about our native flora. Group size is limited.

*Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA*

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

### PARAMOUNT RANCH

Saturday, 9/30, 9am

The nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands American's enjoy. Join us Saturday, September 30, 2006 for the 13th annual National Public Lands Day.

**Info: 805-370-2301**



**SAT 9/30 10am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Nature Rambles** Take a rambling walk through nature observing and discussing plants, insects, and birds and their interactions. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

**SAT 9/30 6pm**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr-  
Amphitheater*

**Franklin Family Campfire**

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

*Coming this Fall 2006...*

## Help Kids Learn About Nature

The Cold Creek Docents are recruiting volunteers to lead nature walks with small groups of elementary students at beautiful UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve in Calabasas. Six morning training sessions on Mondays in October and November. Classes taught by resource professionals will include Santa Monica Mountains ecology, early Chumash culture, geography, interpretive techniques, and a special workshop to make replicas for teaching.

**Info: 818-591-9363**

### *Coming this Fall...*

#### **Adamson House Docent Training**

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and to conduct guided tours of the Adamson House at Malibu Lagoon State Beach.  
**FEE.**

**Info & Reservations:  
310-456-8432**



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